

## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

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Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is announcing an

opportunity for the public to comment on CMS' intention to collect information from the public.

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (the PRA), federal agencies are required to publish

notice in the Federal Register concerning each proposed collection of information (including

each proposed extension or reinstatement of an existing collection of information) and to allow

60 days for public comment on the proposed action. Interested persons are invited to send

comments regarding our burden estimates or any other aspect of this collection of information,

including any of the following subjects: the necessity and utility of the proposed information

collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions; the accuracy of the estimated

burden; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize

the information collection burden.

DATES: Comments must be received by April 1, 2014.

ADDRESSES: When commenting, please reference the document identifier or OMB control

number (OCN). To be assured consideration, comments and recommendations must be

submitted in any one of the following ways:

1. Electronically. You may send your comments electronically to

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http://www.regulations.gov. Follow the instructions for "Comment or Submission" or "More Search Options" to find the information collection document(s) that are accepting comments.

2. By regular mail. You may mail written comments to the following address:

CMS, Office of Strategic Operations and Regulatory Affairs

Division of Regulations Development

Attention: Document Identifier/OMB Control Number \_\_\_\_\_

Room C4-26-05

7500 Security Boulevard

Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.

To obtain copies of a supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed collection(s) summarized in this notice, you may make your request using one of following:

- Access CMS' Web Site address at http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PaperworkReductionActof1995.
- 2. E-mail your request, including your address, phone number, OMB number, and CMS document identifier, to <a href="mailto:Paperwork@cms.hhs.gov">Paperwork@cms.hhs.gov</a>.
- 3. Call the Reports Clearance Office at (410) 786-1326.

## FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Reports Clearance Office at (410) 786-1326

## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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This notice sets out a summary of the use and burden associated with the following information collections. More detailed information can be found in each collection's supporting statement and associated materials (see ADDRESSES).

CMS-10320 Health Care Reform Insurance Web Portal Requirements 45 CFR Part 159

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520), federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. The term "collection of information" is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3(c) and includes agency requests or requirements that members of the public submit reports, keep records, or provide information to a third party. Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA requires federal agencies to publish a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension or reinstatement of an existing collection of information, before submitting the collection to OMB for approval. To comply with this requirement, CMS is publishing this notice.

1. Type of Information Collection Request: Revision of a currently approved collection; Title: Health Care Reform Insurance Web Portal Requirements 45 CFR Part 159;

Use: In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, is publishing the following summary of a proposed information collection request for public comment. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including any of the following subjects: (1) The necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

This information collection is mandated by Sections 1103 and 10102 of The Patient Protection and Affordability Care Act, P.L. 111-148 (ACA). Once all of the information is collected from insurance issuers of major medical health insurance (hereon referred to as issuers) and other affected parties, it will be displayed at http://www.healthcare.gov. Issuers are required to provide information quarterly, and healthcare.gov will be updated on a periodic schedule during each quarter. The information provided will help the general public make educated decisions about organizations providing private health care insurance.

In accordance with the provisions of the ACA referenced above, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services created a website called healthcare.gov to meet these and other provisions of the law, and data collection was conducted for six months based upon an emergency information collection request. The interim final rule published on May 5, 2010 served as the emergency **Federal Register** notice for the prior information collection request. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) reviewed the request under emergency processing and approved it on April 30, 2010. CMS will be submitting a new request to OMB for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The proposed information collection is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies.

We are currently updating a system (hereon referred to as web portal) where state

Departments of Insurance and issuers may log in using a custom user ID and password

validation. The states may be asked to provide information on issuers in their state and various

websites maintained for consumers. The issuers will be tasked with providing information on
their major medical insurance products and plans. They will ultimately be given the choice to
download a basic information template to enter data then upload into the web portal; to manually

enter data within the web portal itself; or to submit .xml files containing their information. Once

the states and issuers submit their data, they will receive an email notifying them of any errors,

and that their submission was received.

CMS is mandating the issuers verify and update their information on a quarterly basis and

is requesting that States verify State-submitted information on an annual basis. In the event that

an issuer enhances its existing plans, proposes new plans, or deactivates plans, the organization

would be required to update the information in the web portal. Changes occurring during the

three month quarterly periods will be allowed utilizing effective dates for both the plans and

rates associated with the plans.

Form Number: CMS-10320 (OMB#: 0938-1086); Frequency: Reporting – Annually /

Quarterly; Affected Public: health insurance issuers in the individual and small group markets;

Number of Respondents: 801; Total Annual Responses: 3,051; Total Annual Hours: 27,833.

(For policy questions regarding this collection contact Kim Heckstall at 410 786 1647).

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